COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING OF) CASE NO. NATURAL ENERGY UTILITY CORPORATION) 2015-00062

ORDER

On May 20, 2002, Natural Energy Utility Corporation ("Natural Energy") adopted the tariffs, including a Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause, for furnishing gas service to the customers previously served by American Natural Gas Corporation.

On February 25, 2015, Natural Energy filed its Gas Cost Recovery ("GCR") rate application to become effective April 1, 2015.

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

- 1. Natural Energy's notice includes a revised rate designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.
- 2. Natural Energy's notice sets out an Expected Gas Cost ("EGC") of \$4.8345 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.1062 per Mcf from the previous EGC of \$4.7283 per Mcf.
- 3. Natural Energy's notice sets out no current quarter or total supplier Refund Adjustment.
- 4. Natural Energy's notice sets out a current quarter Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") of (\$.0730) per Mcf. Because Natural Energy filed its GCR application for rates

¹ Natural Energy Utility Corporation Tariff, PSC Ky. No. 1, First Revised Sheet No. 17 (effective Apr. 15, 2006).

effective October 1, 2014, with less than 30 days' notice, the \$5.0547 per Mcf EGC in effect for the month of October was approved effective October 6, 2014, instead of October 1, 2014. The EGC in effect from October 1, 2014, through October 5, 2014, was \$4.9712 per Mcf. Correcting the ACA calculation to prorate the EGCs in effect during the month of October produces a current quarter ACA of (\$.0753) per Mcf. Natural Energy's corrected total ACA is \$.4911 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$.2607 per Mcf from the previous total ACA of \$.7518 per Mcf.

- 5. Natural Energy's corrected GCR rate is \$5.3256 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$.1545 per Mcf from the previous GCR rate of \$5.4801 per Mcf.
- 6. The rate in the Appendix to this Order is fair, just, and reasonable and should be approved for service rendered by Natural Energy on and after April 1, 2015.
- 7. Natural Energy's tariff requires it to submit its quarterly GCR applications at least 30 days prior to the beginning of each calendar quarter. To remain in compliance with its tariff, Natural Energy should continue to file all future GCR applications at least 30 days before the beginning of each calendar quarter.²

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The rate proposed by Natural Energy is denied.
- 2. The rate set forth in the Appendix to this Order is approved for service rendered on and after April 1, 2015.

² Natural Energy failed to submit its GCR application with at least 30 days' notice in: Case No. 2014-00428, *Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Natural Energy Utility Corporation* (Ky. PSC Dec. 22, 2014); Case No. 2014-00320, *Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Natural Energy Utility Corporation* (Ky. PSC Sept. 29, 2014); Case No. 2014-00185, *Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Natural Energy Utility Corporation* (Ky. PSC June 27, 2014); and Case No. 2014-00095, *Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Natural Energy Utility Corporation* (Ky. PSC Mar. 28, 2014).

- 3. Natural Energy shall timely file its GCA application for rates effective July 1, 2015, on or before June 1, 2015.
- 4. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Natural Energy shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rate approved herein and reflecting that it was approved pursuant to this Order.

By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2015-00062 DATED MAR 1 7 2015

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Natural Energy Utility Corporation. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RATES:

	Gas Cost		
		Recovery	Total
<u>Monthly</u>	Base Rate	Rate	<u>Rate</u>
All Mcf	\$4.24	\$5.3256	\$9.5656

Minimum Bill

The minimum bill shall be \$9.5656

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